

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A bobbin case assembly having a wall structure mountable operably upon a support and defining a first receptacle within which a supply of thread is stored, and a tensioning assembly for exerting a frictional force on the thread extending away from the receptacle to thereby resist drawing of the thread out of the receptacle. The tensioning assembly has a first surface that bears against the thread extending away from the receptacle. At least one of the wall structure and tensioning assembly has a second surface. The thread extending away from the receptacle resides between the first and second surfaces so that the frictional force on the thread is generated between the first and second surfaces. At least one of the first and second surfaces is defined by a body that is bendable to thereby allow one of the first and second surfaces to be moved selectively towards and away from the other of the first and second surfaces. The body has a mounting portion and a flexing portion which projects away from the mounting portion. The flexing portion is bendable relative to the mounting portion and has a first flexing region and a second flexing region. The second flexing region is more flexible in bending relative to the first flexing region than the first flexing region is flexible in bending relative to the mounting portion. The first surface is defined on the second flexing region.